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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND THE NAC/DPC MINISTERIALS

1. MADRID DAILY "EL PAIS" DECEMBER 2 CARRIES STORY BY ITS BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT (RAMON VILARO) THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF SPANISH ACCESSION TO NATO WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THE NAC AND DPC MINISTERIALS. QUOTED ARE:
--(A) NATO SPOKESMAN: "THE SUBJECT IS NOT RIPE.
WE DO NOT WISH TO PREJUDGE WHAT WILL BE THE FUTURE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT OF SPAIN TOWARDS NATO."

--(B) SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM NUNO AGUIRRE:
"THIS IS NOT THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT, AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED."

2. ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT OFFICIAL CONTACTS BY NATO AUTHORITIES WITH SPAIN SEEK TO AVOID ADDING TO POLEMICS, AND ARE GOVERNED BY "MODERATION AND PRUDENCE." FOR NOW
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THEY ARE LIMITED TO "CONTACTS, INTERVIEWS, AND DIPLOMATIC DINNERS." THERE IS ALSO AN OCCASIONAL INVITATION, EXTENDED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MADRID, FOR A GROUP OF SPANISH JOURNALISTS TO VISIT NATO INSTALLATIONS.

3. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS ONE LANDMARK, ALBEIT ONE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MATTER OF SPAIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO

NATO: THE ATTENDANCE BY SPANISH PARLIAMENTARY OBSERVERS
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